

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13303 OF MAY 22, 2003, AS RECEIVED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE ON MAY 18, 2007—PM 15

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication. This notice states that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, and Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2007.

The threats of attachment or other judicial process against (i) the Development Fund for Iraq, (ii) Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds, obligations, or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, and interests therein, or (iii) any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held by, on behalf of, or otherwise for the Central Bank of Iraq obstruct the orderly reconstruction of Iraq. These threats also impede the restoration and maintenance of peace and security and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq. These threats continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency protecting the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq and maintain in force the measures to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which

it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following joint resolution was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1962. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus AF36 on Pistachio; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8129-4) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1963. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coumaphos; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8131-4) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1964. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Famoxadone; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8128-6) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1965. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propanil, Phenmedipham, Triallate, and MCPA; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8126-6) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1966. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0051) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1967. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a legislative proposal that would shift funding for the research, development, and maintenance of information technology functions of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation from the Government to the insurance companies participating in the program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1968. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Guard Counterdrug Schools; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1969. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Con-

trol, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Former Liberian Regime of Charles Taylor Sanctions Regulations" (31 C.F.R. Part 593) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to "amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for Net Receipts Sharing and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8313-2) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1972. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Removal of Douglas County Transportation Control Measure; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 8317-3) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1973. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on the Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events; Correction" (FRL No. 8316-5) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1974. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances-n-Propyl Bromide in Solvent Cleaning" ((RIN2060-AO10)(FRL No. 8316-8)) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1975. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1976. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statistical Sampling for Purposes of Section 199" (Rev. Proc. 2007-35) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1977. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying In-Kind Partnerships Involving Mining" (Rev. Rul. 2007-30) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1978. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Universal Service Support" (Rev. Rul. 2007-31) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.